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SUBJ: FOREIGN COURTS EVIDENCE ACT

REF: PRETORIA 4062

1. IN STORY ON NEW HMG "GUIDELINES" FOR LABOR PRACTICES OF BRITISH COMPANIES IN SOUTH AFRICA, FINANCIAL MAIL OF DECEMBER 26 SAYS THAT SAG HAS BEEN ADMINISTERING FOREIGN COURTS EVIDENCE ACT TO ALLOW SA COMPANIES THAT ARE MORE THAN 50 PERCENT FOREIGN-OWNED TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, COURTS OR INDIVIDUALS.

2. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH BRITISH EMBASSY AND THEY CONFIRM THAT SAG HAS TOLD THEM THAT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE ACT TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION TO FOREIGN ENTITIES WILL NORMALLY BE APPROVED FOR COMPANIES 50 PERCENT OR MORE BRITISH-OWNED.

3. FM ARTICLE SAYS FORMER "GUIDELINES" APPLIED TO BRITISH
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COMPANIES WITH 10 PERCENT OR MORE OF SHARES OF SA COMPANY.

NEW GUIDELINES APPLY ONLY TO MAJORITY-OWNED COMPANIES. BRITISH
EMBASSY SENDING US COPY OF NEW GUIDELINES.
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